

## Central America Region Overview

On-screen graphic: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Logo, U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

On-screen text: Central America

Emily Zielinski Gutierrez, DrPH, Director, CDC Central America Region: When we look at the health threats that are in Central America we have to think about mosquito-borne diseases like dengue, like Zika virus, the HIV program parasitic diseases. You look at some of the bacterial diseases, some of the viral diseases, respiratory diarrheal febrile diseases that really have a stronghold in the region.

Our job at CDC in Central America is really to work with the national labs so that they are able to produce data that are reliable. That they have access to appropriate technology to let them safely run different kinds of tests. But in the end how does that data get used to improve the lives of the people who are affected.

A lot of what we do at CDC CAR is to help that mom or that dad or that kid be healthier.

On-screen text: To learn more about CDC's global health work, please visit [www.cdc.gov/globalhealth](http://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth). Follow @CDCGlobal on social media: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Flickr.